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## HEAR THE NATIVE SON HOWL.

Again the project of diverting the waters from Lake Tahoe by tunnel has been broached, and again bitter opposition has been provoked. It is being attacked as an attempt to destroy the scenic beauties of the lake and to divert the waters from the natural outlet, which is the Truckee river.

As we understand it, the scheme is to raise the level of the lake by a dam across the outlet and then tunnel the hills on the Nevada side. The water thus diverted will be used first to generate power, and second, to irrigate lands in Nevada. Private capital offers to defray the expense of this diversion if permitted to have the power usufruct as their fee. An increase in the supply of irrigation water needed for the system the government has constructed in Churchill county is the compensating advantage offered for the privilege of diverting the lake's outflow.

The objections to the scheme are two-fold. Raising the level of the lake will injure all the picturesque resorts now on the shores and greatly impair the beauty of a sheet of water that scarcely has a peer in the whole world. Diminishing the flow of the Truckee will injure that stream in various ways. It is now a favorite resort for campers and fishermen, but if its stream-flow be greatly reduced it will suffer in beauty and attractiveness. In short, the issue is largely between commercialism and sentiment, between sordid promotion for private gain against the pleasure and nature love of the masses.

Injected into the contention is the question of states' rights. Two-thirds of the superficial area of the lake lie in California; the other third in Nevada. But nearly all the affluents of the lake enter from the California side, and the Truckee flows out of the lake in California and meanders many miles in California before it enters Nevada. All the damage caused by the proposed diversion will be done in California; for the damage this state suffers there will be no compensation. All the advantage will accrue to Nevada—and to the capitalists who are behind the power project. All the popular resorts on Lake Tahoe are in California.

The situation, then, is this: that California owns two-thirds of the lake and supplies the bulk of its waters and enjoys the greatest profit from its natural beauties, but it is proposed to destroy the scenic beauties and the California interests centered in their to irrigate arid land in Nevada and make money for some gentlemen who have enough already.—Oakland Tribune.

## THE "OUTLOOK" ON BANKING REFORM.

The "Outlook" Magazine, of which Colonel Roosevelt is an editor, gives emphatic endorsement in its current issue to the plan of the National Monetary Commission for the reform of our banking and currency system.

"Everybody who thinks at all about the subject agrees that our currency and banking system needs reform," says the "Outlook." "There is danger, however, that they may be so much disagreement about details as to endanger effective legislation during the present session of congress. In our judgment this danger is greater than any probable danger that may come because the plan of the Monetary Commission is not exactly right in every part. President Taft and Mr. MacVeagh both remind the public that congress has for a long time been discussing and debating the question of the reform of our banking and currency laws. For the very purpose of giving important details careful, expert consideration, the Monetary Commission was created, and it has for several years been devoting itself to the most careful review of details.

"The plan the Monetary Commission recommends for enactment into legislation is the fruit of the thought, not merely of bankers, but of all classes of well-trained citizens—business men, lawyers, economists, and university professors. It is a great mistake to regard it as the product of mere financial interests.

"Mr. Taft meets the not uncommonly expressed fear that the great financial interests of the country—the so-called money power—shall be given too large control in the proposed new system, by saying that the new law ought to 'completely protect and assure the individuality and the independence of each bank, to the end that any tendency there may ever be toward a consolidation of the money or banking power of

the nation shall be defeated.' We heartily agree, and believe that the plan of the Monetary Commission provides such precautions."

## FALSE FRIENDS OF LABOR.

False friends of union labor are trying to intimate in an insidious fashion that the rank and file of the united toilers sympathize with the crime of the McNamaras by maintaining that the convicted murderers were "soldiers in the cause of labor." United labor as a whole knew nothing of the operations of the McNamaras and the dynamiting ring until the trial at Los Angeles brought part of the conspiracy to light. To assert that the McNamaras acted for labor is the greatest insult that could be offered to union men. Organized labor has already expressed its sentiments in regard to the McNamaras and their crime. The majority of the men of organized labor being sane, patriotic and law-abiding citizens, do not see in the McNamaras either "heroes of labor" or "soldiers in a great cause." They see them as they are, dastardly criminals, who engaged in the most cowardly form of assassination for a price, and who when exposed showed the cowardly criminals' anxiety to save their necks.

Lincoln Steffens and other malicious or irresponsible persons who have been attempting to show that organized labor indorsed the crime of the McNamaras, may soon expect the rebuke that is due them from the honest men in the organized labor movement. The union men will not long submit to this campaign to place upon them the blame of approving the course of the McNamaras.

Following the example of the irresponsible Steffens, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, a New York clergyman, classes the McNamaras as "soldiers in a cause." The New York Sun reports him as saying:

The McNamaras are not criminals in the ordinary sense of the word. Rather they are unselfish soldiers of a cause. Violence, the strike and the boycott are war measures, for the laborer is not dealing with his friends. If you object to them you object to the Boston Tea party and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Do not blame the laborer for his acts, but blame the capitalists as you would blame the men who first fired on Fort Sumter instead of Sherman, who made that disgraceful march through Georgia.

Who but an anarchist in a pulpit would have the effrontery to compare two of the most cowardly assassins that ever worked for pay and robbed their hard-working brethren out of nearly \$200,000 to make a false defense for their deeds of murder and destruction to the men of Bunker Hill? Certainly there is need for some laws in respect to treason when utterances like these are shouted from pulpit or press in the United States.

The McNamaras have not even the excuse of fanaticism. They chose the most cowardly form of assassination, the one in which they stood the least danger of detection. Fanatics do not exact pay for their work and fanatics are willing to suffer the penalty. The McNamaras were paid on a scale of so much per murder or deed of destruction. When they were run to cover by the law they deluded their hard-working brethren into raising a gigantic defense fund. When they saw that their conviction was inevitable, they bargained for their miserable lives. How the most imaginative and irresponsible journalist or the most erratic clergyman can make this line of action into martyrdom is hard to see. Those who indorse the crime of the McNamaras as a blow for the cause of the toilers are as much the enemies of organized labor as the assassins themselves.—San Francisco Post.

## THIRD PARTY TALK.

Talk about a third party movement, suggested by the accidental meeting of La Follette and Bryan in Washington and their brief conference, is probably founded on nothing more than the nimble imagination of the newspaper men. A third party could not be founded with success merely upon the ambitions of any man, either Bryan or La Follette. There is not the least reason to think that Bryan would favor it.

In 1896 there was some excuse for an independent democratic movement. There is no excuse for a schism at present in the democratic party. It is a progressive party. It is as unified as a great party is ever likely to be.

Nor is there any good reason for a third party movement in the republican ranks, although more backing for one might be found. In the words of Chester H. Rowell, Mr. Taft is the real leader of the progressive republicans. With such a leader, a third party defection could be founded only on the personality of La Follette or Roosevelt, and factional quarrels. This is not the material with which to create political parties.

## SHUT THEM OFF.

The Wells Herald, like every newspaper in Nevada, is being flooded with literature regarding the Panama-Pacific exposition, to be held in San Francisco in 1915. The publicity committee of the exposition is asking that free publication be given to this stuff. The management of the exposition expects to make a large chunk of money out of the fair, and if it gets any advertising in the Herald it will pay for it at regular rates. We are not giving away our space to boost the state that has done all in its power to keep Nevada back. The Herald is conducted as a business proposition, and its advertising space is for sale, not to be donated to expositions. Let every paper in Nevada follow this course and very soon the Panama-Pacific people will be sending out contracts to be signed up.—Wells Herald.

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